

Alleged Victim Of 16 Kidnapers Returns Home

Sharon, Pa., Business Man, Believed Held for Ransom of \$50,000, Rushes Back as Police Locate Him

Was Seen With Woman

Beat Officers on the Return Trip, but They Met Later, and Will File Charges

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
SHARON, Pa., July 20.—Thomas M. Randolph, a business man here, who was believed to have been kidnapped last Monday night and held for \$50,000 ransom, arrived at his home in this city at 7 o'clock to-night. Randolph drove here in his automobile from Stoneboro after he is alleged to have learned that officers had located him at a hotel in that town.

Exhausted and talking incoherently, Randolph was taken to the Sharon police station and will be given a hearing to-morrow.

Randolph's return followed information secured by the police as to the whereabouts of the missing man. A telephone conversation from a Stoneboro hotel to the Randolph home, in which the person speaking from the hotel declared sixteen kidnapers were holding him, is reported to have given the police their first real clue to Randolph's whereabouts. A report which reached the police later that Randolph had been seen by the local authorities, who had left there on an afternoon train, brought quick action, and several officers were dispatched to Stoneboro to head off Randolph.

Beats Officers Home

Soon after the officers had left this city, information was received here that Randolph, anticipating the arrival of the police, had left Stoneboro and was driving to his home. They quarry gone, the officers seeing that they were not to take a short cut over the country and reached Sharon but a few minutes after Randolph had entered his home.

First information that Randolph was in Stoneboro came to the local authorities from District Attorney Rickard, of Mercer, this afternoon. He said a man answering the description of Randolph had registered at the Homer Hotel, in Stoneboro, with a woman about 10:30 o'clock Monday night, giving the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hutchinson.

Soon after Randolph reached his home here the police were alerted and were alerted with him. District Attorney Rickard, who has charge of the case, said it was doubtful if another statement made by Randolph would be given, but that he would be held in any event, he would be held by the authorities on charges to be preferred later.

Members of Randolph's family refused to comment on the case, but stated that any information given must either come through Randolph himself or the police.

Rivaled Whitt Case

The "kidnaping" of Randolph, proprietor of a book store, for a time has rivaled in country-wide interest the kidnaping of six-year-old Willie Whitt, son of a prominent attorney and a distant relative of Randolph. The Whitt case was taken from the spotlight in July, 1919, by "Timmy" Boy and his wife, Helen Boyle. Both were convicted and sentenced to Western Penitentiary for long terms. Helen Boyle was pardoned less than a year ago.

Since disappearing, two letters in which Randolph implored his family to accede to the demands of the kidnapers and papers to the contrary have been received by relatives. He also is stated to have talked with members of the family on two occasions over the long distance telephone.

Just before leaving town Randolph left an order at the office of the Herald, a local newspaper, for a daily copy to be sent to J. R. Hutchinson at Sandy Lake. This is the name he is alleged to have registered under at the Homer Hotel in Stoneboro.

Girl Plans \$20,000 Suit Against Ex-Sweetheart

Letter Tells of Another Miss and Ring That Was "Some Sparkler"

Valentine Huff, Jamaica, Kennels owner, arrested on order of County Judge Burt J. Humphrey, Queens County Court, was released from custody yesterday on furnishing \$5,000. The countess, who is believed to be Lillian Moratnik, of Jamaica, who alleges that he refused to keep a promise to marry her.

Joseph Clark, attorney for Miss Moratnik, says she intends to sue Huff for \$20,000. Clark has a letter which he says, was written to Miss Moratnik by Huff.

"I am to be engaged this month," the letter reads. "I am free to get married as soon as the girl comes home. O girl, you ought to see the nice engagement ring—some sparkler. Well, I don't know if you will ever write to me again. Hope you beat me to a wedding feast."

Court Saves Aged Woman Pays for Goods Merchant Accused Her of Stealing

Moved by the story told by Mrs. Dorothy Samuelson, seventy-six years old, of 908 Tiffany Street, the Bronx, who was arraigned before him on a charge of stealing, Magistrate Simpson, in Morristown, N. J., yesterday himself paid \$2.54, the price of the braids she was accused of having stolen. The aged prisoner told the court she was the mother of nine children. She had wanted the braids for a hat, she said, but did not have the money to pay for it. The temptation to take it, she said, was too great to resist.

After the magistrate had announced he would hold Mrs. Samuelson in \$25 bail for trial, she was unable to furnish that amount. Therefore, he persuaded the representatives of the store to withdraw the charge upon payment for the braids.

Drowns Self After Refusing Rescue Offered From Bank

TRENTON, July 20.—Refusing to accept a trip which would have saved his life, Theodore Roseman, forty-two years old, of 193 Rosemont Avenue, Trenton, formerly employed at the Westinghouse plant here, was drowned in the Delaware and Raritan Canal to-night.

Homeowner took off his hat and coat and jumped into the water. Morris Weil, of this city, tried to save him by offering him a pole to which to cling, but Roseman persistently refused to take hold. Despondency was said to have been the cause of the suicide. The victim is survived by a sister and two daughters.

Investigate Schooner Suspected as Rum Ship

Customs Officials Say Craft at Atlantic City Left Bahama Islands With Liquor

ATLANTIC CITY, July 20.—Customs officials are making an investigation concerning the schooner, Peconoke, which was ordered into Atlantic City today by the coast guard service on the ground that she may be the mystery ship which has been reported cruising the New Jersey coast. Those in charge of the Peconoke claim that it came near the coast because of being in a leaking condition and was seeking a harbor of refuge. The government officials claim she left Nassau, Bahama Islands, two weeks ago with 1,000 cases of whisky, ostensibly for Quebec.

When the inspectors boarded the vessel, her hold was found to be clean swept, and she was found to be under the leak was said to be not of a serious character.

Some of the crew said the cargo was jettisoned, and the vessel drifted ashore at various points along the New Jersey coast.

The Peconoke was formerly an American vessel and owned at Cape Charles City, Va. Some time ago she was sold to a British syndicate and put under the English flag, sailing from Nassau.

Burns Says Gamblers Got Double-Cross

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was present when a St. Louis man volunteered to put up money to have the games thrown, but did not know the man's name.

Some Questions Fired at Burns

Some of the questions asked Burns by defense attorneys, most of which were ordered stricken from the record, are:

"Were you traded by the White Sox to Cincinnati because you got in the habit of falling asleep between innings on the bench?"

"Did you ever work more than a year for the same man in your life?"

"When you talked of throwing games, you knew from your own experience as a pitcher that it could be done?"

"You have no objection to our trying to prove that you are not of a very high mental caliber?"

"When you traded all over the country because you were an undesirable type of man?"

"How much is Ben Johnson paying you for your testimony?"

"You know Ben Johnson will do anything to hurt Comiskey, don't you?"

On the direct examination of Burns, Gorman asked the players then, resumed his questioning of the witness as soon as court reconvened.

"When you were in Room 708 of the Hotel Sinton the day of the second game what happened?" asked Gorman.

"Attell and several others were there," answered Burns. "Attell said Rothstein had \$200,000 to bet on the game, but it was hard to get bet down and he did not want to give me any money. I insisted on at least \$10,000. Attell showed me piles of money under a mattress. Forty thousand dollars was due the players then."

Attell in talking of Rothstein said Rothstein had a private wire from New York to Cincinnati, and some one said that Pittsburgh gambler had been in the deal. I don't know who said that."

"Attell, Bennett and Maharg were there. Some one said the Pittsburgh gamblers had a hard time getting money down. Attell then took \$10,000 from under the mattress and gave it to me. I offered it to Maharg. He wouldn't take it. I put it in my shirt and took it up to the players' room. I passed 'Kid' Gleason's room on the way."

"Risberg and McMullin were in the hotel room—I don't recall the others. Later Cicotte and Gandil came in and there were two other players there."

In question and answer form, the testimony was as follows:

Q.—What did the players say? A.—Gandil said they must win the third game—the next day—so as to improve the odds, which then were three to two in favor of Chicago. Attell said the odds must be better.

Q.—What did the players say? A.—Gandil said they had not won for a regular pitcher, and they would not win for a "busher."

Q.—Did they know who was going to pitch the third game? A.—Yes, Dick Kerr. I then went to the train to go to Chicago.

At the afternoon session Burns was excused while August Herrmann, of Cincinnati, former chairman of the National Commission and president of the Cincinnati club, testified.

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Embezzler's \$1,187,000 Gave Pigs Steam Heat

Bankers Gathered to Help Packers Embarrassed by Defalcations Learn of Strange Use of Funds

De Luxe Barns for Cows

Ingenious Appropriation of Cash Built Ballroom and Lake for Visitors

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CHICAGO, July 20.—Ransom J. (Cy) Thompson, Minnesota "genius" who recouped Main Street towns into Utopian villages, fished from his former employers, George A. Hornel & Co., Austin, Minn., packers, the sum of \$1,187,000, according to a statement made to-day at the close of a creditors' meeting held in the First National Bank.

The announcement was made after a turbulent session participated in by bankers from New York, Minneapolis and St. Paul and officials of the First National Bank of Chicago, whose check for \$10,000, which never reached the Hornel company, was the cause of Thompson's arrest.

Thompson is now under arrest in Austin after making the most amazing use of the missing \$1,000,000 ever charged to an embezzler. Though drawing only \$5,000 a year as the firm's comptroller, Thompson became the town's leading philanthropist and developed three stock farms which were the wonder of tourists. He invested in \$30,000 worth of Holstein cattle and irregularly held in super quarters equipped with vacuum cleaners for massaging the cattle and with fly traps arranged to kill the flies with poison gas.

Built a Jazz Palace

On another farm Thompson went in for scientific wine raising and kept his drive in steam-heated, electric lighted green pens. Thompson erected a small hotel on one of his farms to accommodate tourists and included with it a dance hall and an artificial lake. Besides all that he built innumerable farm buildings of the most elaborate type and erected a clubhouse for his employees and a playground for their children.

The Hornel concern has stood on the brink of financial ruin for the last ten days as the result of Thompson's embezzlements, and creditors fairly burned the rails to attend the conference in Chicago. It is understood that nearly \$4,000,000 in demand and short term notes of the concern are held by banks, brokers and private individuals.

The statement admitted that the Hornel company is seriously embarrassed and that the creditors have agreed to hold back their notes until such time as the concern can conveniently make payment.

A Wizard at Finance

E. E. Brown, vice-president of the First National Bank, who presided at the conference, announced that the Hornel concern was able to make good the losses suffered as the result of Thompson's irregularities within two or three years. He added that in the mean time funds would be available for the operations of the company, including livestock purchases.

A representative of the creditors will be sent to Austin to manage the financial affairs of the company, Mr. Brown said. It was declared that there would be no reorganization of the company, but it is expected that in the near future the indebtedness caused by Thompson's embezzlement will be funded in the form of bonds.

Officials of the company and Minneapolis and St. Paul bankers were vigorously censured by the New York and Chicago bankers, it is understood. There is a loss to understand how Thompson could have embezzled such large sums and then throw the money into bizarre agricultural and commercial life schemes.

Thompson's system was intricate, involving a three and often a five cornered method of kiting checks. The money was in correspondent banks of the firm in various parts of the country. The checks were drawn against "transfer funds" on deposit. He managed to keep "in transit" between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 to keep his operations hidden. The figures were kept constantly in his mind. Checks were dated so as to keep ahead of auditors.

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According to information obtained at the hotel by Detective Daly last night, Miss Robertson and McIntyre were to have been married last Monday. Miss Robertson told the officers that McIntyre failed to appear at the wedding and she called on him last night to remind him of the oversight.

McIntyre, Miss Robertson said, became enraged when asked to explain his conduct. He struck her in the face with his fists, kicked and choked her. The young woman was said to be in a serious condition as a result of the attack.

New British Law Limits Bird Plume Importation

LONDON, July 2 (By Mail).—Bird lovers have won a victory by the final passing of the plumage bill, which prohibits the importation into the United Kingdom of the feathers of any wild except those of the African ostrich and the elder duck. The bill is mainly designed to prevent cruelty in securing the feathers of such ornamental birds as aspens and birds of paradise. The prohibition regarding importation extends to dead bodies of birds with the plumage on them, but does not apply to feathers worn by travelers or introduced in travelers' baggage, provided it can be shown that they are for personal use only. Strong opposition had been offered to the passage of the bill by the trade interested.

War Department Gets Half Of Jugo-Slavia's Budget

BELEGRAD, June 29 (By Mail).—The War Department of the new Kingdom of Jugo-Slavia will cost 2,000,000,000 dinars, one-half the government's total budget, in the next fiscal year, despite vigorous efforts by the Ministry of Finance to reduce expenses. This is a reduction of 500,000,000 dinars from the estimate asked for by the War Ministry. The total budget estimate was 4,000,000,000, but this has been reduced to 4,000,000,000. The nominal exchange value of a dinar is about 19 cents, but at the present rate it is worth about three cents.

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Herbert Irwin is said to have been told that his father had led a double life for the last thirty years, that he had a common law wife in New York. By this woman he is said to have had a son, who is employed by the New York Central Railroad. Herbert also is trying to trace sums of money which his father had the week before his death.

Irwin's legal wife, who makes her home in Boston, has uttered no blame of her husband, declaring that his supposed misconduct must have been entirely the fault of the New York woman.

Refusing to believe that her husband could have cared more for his "other wife" than for her, Mrs. Irwin said: "I feel confident and happy in the belief that although he had this other woman in New York he was on his way to me when he died; that he knew he was dying, and that he told me as the woman he really loved at the last. He wanted to die in my arms."

Several weeks ago Irwin was taken to a local hospital, where he was told that only a serious operation would prolong his life beyond two months.

Last Thursday Irwin visited James W. Clark, owner of the Hartford team. On his visit he is said to have been accompanied by the New York woman, who he presented as his wife. He is reported to have told the woman here and gone to New York, where he boarded the Calvin Austin for Boston. After talking with another passenger on the deck of the vessel after it put out from New York he disappeared.

Retiring Detective Cleared

Duey Is Too Well Known to Crooks; Usefulness Impaired

ATLANTIC CITY, July 20.—Mayor Edward L. Bader, in a signed statement to-day, cleared the name of John Duey, former Philadelphia detective, who resigned several days ago, from any implication which rumors might have attached to it that his resignation was due to the recent charges that there was a leak in the public safety bureau.

"My action in dropping Detective Duey," the statement declares, "has been misunderstood. In fairness to him, I want to say that I asked for his resignation because he had become so well known to crooks that his usefulness was impaired. I am glad to make room for other men who have not heretofore appeared here."

Hits Wife, 65, in Head With Ax, After 3-Day Argument

Mrs. Lucia Campagnola, sixty-five years old, was found unconscious last night in her home, 330 Cruger Avenue, the Bronx. An ax lay near her and there were several deep cuts in her head. She was taken to Fordham Hospital.

Her husband, Bernardo, who is sixty-nine years old, was found about an hour later and locked up at the Bronx police station, charged with the slaying. According to the police, he admitted using the ax on his wife, saying he had been arguing with her since Monday.

Ruber Huel Output Great

American factories last year produced over 115,000,000 pairs of rubber heels—sufficient to supply every man, woman and child in the United States, and the population of Greece besides.

2 Wounded in Running Battle With Police

More Than 100 Shots Fired and Store Is Riddled With Bullets as Dover Officers Fight 3 Alleged Bandits

Woman Gives the Alarm

Captured Pair Believed To Be Members of Gang of New Jersey Silk Thieves

DOVER, N. J., July 20.—Police here, shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, engaged three men, who are said to have been driving a stolen automobile truck from Netcong, N. J., in a running battle in which more than 100 shots were fired, two of the men were seriously wounded and captured and damage was done to private property. The men are said to be members of a gang of silk and automobile thieves operating over the roads of the northern part of New Jersey.

Mrs. Alice Miller, who lives opposite the garage of Fred Dierzo, in Netcong, saw three men drive a truck from the garage shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. Becoming suspicious, she attempted to telephone to Dierzo, who lives some distance from his garage, and learned that the phone wire had been cut. She then notified Austin King, owner of the other garage in Netcong, and after ascertaining that the three men had been seen going toward Dover, he called the police here.

Armed Men Await Truck

In a few minutes the available local police force was waiting for the arrival of the bandits. Patrolman Harry Fine with a riot gun, was stationed in the center of the road leading into Dover. Patrolmen John Gallagher and George Youmans each arrived with a six-shot automatic shotgun and a revolver, and Joseph Voelker, a watchman, with a revolver, were posted in doorways along Blackwell Street.

At 1 o'clock a truck answering the description of the one stolen in Netcong rumbled into Dover. When Fine ordered the men in the truck to stop they opened fire, six shots passing over the patrolman's head in rapid succession. Fine replied with the riot gun. The truck increased its speed.

Voelker first and then Youmans opened fire on the truck, aiming at the wheels. In this volley one of the rear tires was struck, but the machine continued on. When the truck came abreast of Gallagher's hiding place he fired directly at the seat, it is said.

Patrolmen Give Chase

Fine and Voelker then jumped into an automobile which was standing at the curb and gave chase. After a run of six blocks, in which the patrolmen continued to fire, the truck finally stopped. By this time the pursuing policemen had no ammunition left.

When the truck stopped one of the three men who had been riding in the truck jumped out and ran. He escaped through a side street. The man at the wheel, who gave his name as Michael McDonough, of Newark, was found to have seven gunshot wounds. A third man, who gave his name as Warren Smith, of Newark, was found lying in the body of the truck, seriously wounded, along with several thousand dollars' worth of automobile accessories and a trunk full of cash. The two wounded men were taken to Dover Hospital, where it was said they would recover.

The shooting aroused many of the guards in the house, while the Style, a men's furnishings store, next door, was riddled by bullets, and scattering shots broke windows in several other buildings in Blackwell Street.

U. S. Holds Fight Promoter Johnson Accused of Failure to File Admission Returns

James J. Johnson, of 116 West Thirty-ninth Street, a boxing promoter operating as the Manhattan Club and giving exhibitions at the Manhattan Casino, Eighth Avenue and 155th Street, surrendered yesterday to United States Deputy Marshal Timothy Dempsey in answer to a complaint accusing him of having violated the revenue law by failure to file admission returns and war tax collections.

The complaint was made by John E. Joyce, Assistant United States Attorney, as a result of an investigation made by Internal Revenue agents. It charges that Johnson failed to make returns on his year's business before April 1.

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Nation-Wide Swindle Charged to Gang Here

Federal Authorities to Trap Band Victimized Merchants by Mail

The Federal authorities are preparing to round up a daring band of commercial swindlers making its headquarters in New York, operating through the parcels post service under fictitious names and maintaining branch offices in fifteen cities throughout the country.

Frederick R. A. Stiefel, manager of the prosecution bureau of the New York Credit Men's Association, who is cooperating with Federal officers and furnishing evidence for the round-up, has been working on the case for months. Mr. Stiefel said yesterday:

"Within the last few months manufacturers and wholesale merchants of New York in the textile trades have been defrauded of more than \$100,000 worth of merchandise by clever swindling gangs, organized by the band of thieves operating here."

"The members of this gang often operate under the names of reputable concerns which have Al ratings with commercial agencies. The addresses they give are not the addresses of the concerns whose name they use, but this fact is frequently escapes the notice of the dupes. The orders are filled before the error is discovered by the shippers and by this time the goods are in the hands of the thieves."

Power of Sun Rays Increased by Good Weather in Britain

Photographers Are Obligated to Adjust Camera Lenses to Meet New Condition; Color Effects Remarkable

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